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PRESS RELEASE

Adopt-A-Beach volunteers pickup more than 5.7 tons of trash

Volunteers for Winter Beach Cleanup enjoy a sunny day at the beach

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AUSTIN — Volunteers at Saturday's Winter Beach Cleanup picked up more than 5.7 tons of trash from Coastal Bend beaches.

Volunteers focused their efforts on Corpus Christi Beach at the Texas State Aquarium, Port Aransas, Aransas Pass, Bayside and the Padre Island National Seashore.

Odd items found by the beachcombers included a propane tank, a cell phone, a computer cable and a pair of plastic Mickey Mouse ears.

The Coastal Bend Winter Cleanup is one of three all-volunteer seasonal cleanups coordinated by the Adopt-A-Beach Program of the Texas General Land Office to remove trash from Texas beaches and waterways and to increase public awareness of the problems of marine debris and beach litter.

As volunteers clean up beaches they record data to learn more about the causes of marine debris and to help mitigate pollution along Texas' 367 miles of coastline. Since 1986, the program has successfully removed more the 7,900 tons of debris, with the help of over 406,000 Adopt-a-Beach Volunteers.

For additional information on the Coastal Bend Winter Beach Cleanup and the Adopt-A-Beach program, or to participate in the next cleanup visit www.texasadoptabeach.org . You may also call the Texas General Land Office toll free at 1-877-TXCOAST.

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